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REVIEWS AND NOTES

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF PHILADELPHIA STATISTICIANS.

At the suggestion of Edwin W. Kopf, Assistant Statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and Carroll W. Doten, Secretary of the American Statistical Association, Dr. Chas. Scott Miller issued a call for a meeting of representative statisticians in the city of Philadelphia, together with local members of the American Statistical Association, to consider the advisability of organizing some statistical body in this city. Therefore, twenty-one invitations were extended and fourteen persons were present. The meeting was held on October 16 in the office of the Director of the Department of Public Health and Charities. Dr. Krusen, the Director, presided at the meeting and after expressing the purpose in issuing such a call, the subject was thrown open for general discussion. It was the consensus of opinion—

1. That there should be some standardization of method and improvement in statistical technique;
2. That data should be interpreted for public consumption in more of a non-technical manner than has been adopted heretofore.

It was moved by Dr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Linton that a statistical organization be formed. The motion was carried. It was then moved and seconded that we affiliate ourselves with the American Statistical Association and establish a local branch of this body.

Temporary officers were chosen in the persons of Dr. Wilmer Krusen as Temporary Chairman and Dr. Chas. Scott Miller as Temporary Secretary. Mr. John A. Voglesoh moved that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a committee of five on organization. Dr. Lee Welling Squier amended this motion by adding the Chairman and Secretary as members of this committee on organization *ex-officio*. The following were then appointed by the Chairman: Dr. Robert Riegel, Chairman; Prof. L. P. Myer, Dr. Louise Stevens Bryant.

The functions of said committee were defined as follows:

1. To draft a constitution and by-laws;
2. To plan for additional membership;
3. To suggest the number and method of conducting meetings, both for this body and for public gatherings;
4. To stimulate interest in statistical endeavors along all lines of work.

It was suggested that members send the names of any persons who might be interested in statistics to the Secretary and that an invitation be extended to these persons to attend our next meeting.

On motion of Dr. Francis D. Patterson, which was properly seconded, the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

The following persons were present:

Dr. John Price Jackson, Commissioner, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry;

Dr. Robert Riegel Assistant Professor of Insurance and Statistics, University of Pennsylvania;

Mr. George Wood;

Mr. George M. Merkle, Statistician, Division of Housing and Sanitation;

Miss Alice Haldemann, Bureau of Municipal Research;

Mr. William Byer, Bureau of Municipal Research;

Prof. L. P. Myer, Department of Economics, Temple University;

Dr. Louise Stevens Bryant, Municipal Court;

Dr. Lee Welling Squier;

Mr. M. Albert Linton, Vice-President, The Provident Life and Trust Co.;

Dr. Francis D. Patterson, Chief, Division of Hygiene and Engineering, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry;

Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director, Department of Public Health and Charities;

Mr. John A. Vogleson, Chief, Bureau of Health;

Dr. Chas. Scott Miller, Chief, Division of Vital Statistics.

CHAS. SCOTT MILLER, M. D.,
Secretary.

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